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PERSHING LEADS FIRST DASH ACROSS THE BORDER FOR VILLA

1,400 YARDS OF TRENCHES CAPTURED BY GERMANS IN RHEIMS DRIVE, SAYS BERLIN

French Official Reports Claim a German Repulse in Same Section—Paris Admits Germans Hold Part of Vaux Village Near Verdun.

BERLIN, March 11.—By an unexpected attack against French lines in the vicinity of Rheims, the Germans have penetrated French positions to a depth of nearly two-thirds of a mile on a 1,400 yard front, the War Office announced this afternoon. The gain was made southwest of the Ville-aux-Bors.

In this engagement 737 French prisoners, one revolver cannon, five machine guns and thirteen mine-throwers were captured, it was officially stated.

West of the Meuse, the War Office reported, French troops have been cleared from the Corbeaux and Cumieres Woods, and French positions around Goose Hill are now in peril. French counter-attacks broke down, the War Office stated.

The German claims in this drive on the Rheims front, 100 miles northeast of Paris, where there has been no infantry fighting of importance for months, are not borne out by the French official report. Paris asserts that a German attack in Bois des Buttes, in the same section, was repulsed. The Germans are declared to have been driven from the north-western and western sections of the woods.

The official statement follows:

"Sixteen regiments stormed with very slight losses strongly fortified positions in the wood sections southwest and south of Ville-aux-Bors, eleven miles northwest of Rheims, over a width of about 1,400 yards and to a depth of about two-thirds of a mile. Twelve hundred officers and 737 men fell into our hands. The booty consisted of one revolver cannon, five machine guns and thirteen mine throwers."

"On the western bank of the Meuse (Verdun region) the last positions still held by the French in the Bois des Corbeaux and the Bois de Cumieres were cleared of enemies. Enemy counter attacks delivered with strong forces against the southern boundary of these woods and against the German positions further to the west broke down under the fire of our defense."

"On the eastern bank of the Meuse very lively artillery activity reigned, especially in the neighborhood northeast of Bras to

FIGHT COMMISSION STOPS WILLARD'S PUBLIC TRAINING

Champion Disappoints Big Crowd by Refusing to Box Al Reich.

Jess Willard, champion of the world, this afternoon absolutely refused to box Al Reich at the Pioneer A. C., and some 1,500 people, who had crowded the gymnasium, at 25 cents a head, were badly disappointed.

For some time newspapers have been printing that Reich had been engaged as sparring partner of Willard and would begin his duties today. Despite this Willard said he knew nothing about it; hadn't been advised of it by his manager, Tom Jones, and refused to take a chance against anybody besides his regular sparring partner.

The champion's refusal to go on with Reich greatly excited Chairman Wenck of the Boxing Commission, who was present. He called a halt in Willard's bout with Walter Monahan, and ordering the champion out of the ring, "called" him hard before the crowd.

"You either box Reich or there'll be no more public exhibitions in this hall for an admission price," said Wenck. "The public has known through the newspapers that Reich was to begin as your sparring partner this afternoon, and if the boxing fans knew it you must have been aware of the fact."

Willard replied to the effect that he didn't care whether or not Wenck stopped his training at the Pioneer A. C., he simply wouldn't box Reich today.

Reich was all ready to go at the time. Tom Jones, Willard's manager was not present and Jack Chely, associate manager, said he had been told to do with the training plans of the big fighter.

STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.
M. di Giorgio, Seville, 10 A. M.
Manuel Galvo, Cadiz, 11 A. M.

VILLA'S MURDER CORPS---GEN. PERSHING LEADS PURSUIT



GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING

VILLA'S MURDER BRIGADE. (INT. FILM SER.)

"LIAR" SHOUTS WILLIAMS OF B. R. T. AT FRANK MOSS

Grosvenor Backus, an Attorney, Assails Thompson Committee Counsel and Calls Him Loafer.

As the members of the Thompson Legislative Investigating Committee were going out to luncheon this afternoon, Col. Timothy S. Williams, President of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company walked over to Counsel Frank Moss of the committee with a newspaper in his hand. Col. Williams pointed to a headline which read: "City pays Williams \$100,000 bonus, too."

"That statement is a damned lie!" shouted Col. Williams to Mr. Moss. A few exchanges followed which could not be heard.

As an Evening World reporter drew near Mr. Moss was exclaiming: "Oh, you're not in the South now. You needn't think I'm going to hit you. I won't hit you in the nose. You've been sick lately, haven't you? I don't think you're feeling well mentally. Your judgment isn't good. You called me a damned liar. I say you are a comedian."

"You're a damned liar!" shouted Col. Williams. "There is such a thing as self-respect, and you may do as you please."

"You haven't shown any self-respect," said Mr. Moss. "I was willing to sit down and talk things over with you, but you have made it impossible. If ever I wrong anyone I am all I can do to make amends. It is impossible to talk with a man like you."

"Well, I warn you!" shouted Col. Williams.

MOSS SAID HE HAD FACED BIGGEST CROOKS IN NEW YORK.

"I take my warnings every day," exclaimed Mr. Moss, his voice beginning to crack a little under the strain and his face getting very red. "I don't mind warnings. I've been up against the biggest bunch of crooks in New York and it hasn't worried me. Mind you, I'm not saying anything to you. You're not like those other fellows. You don't know how to talk to people."

Col. Williams said something about a suit for libel, and Mr. Moss walked away. A crowd followed him. In the throng near the door a tall, heavily built young man who looked like a football guard stopped up to Mr. Moss. He towered over the plump lawyer like Jess Willard over Diamond Jim Brady.

"You're a damned loafer!" the giant shouted down at Mr. Moss. "You can't get anything by selling me 'fact'!" said Mr. Moss, growing still more excited. "You are now in

CARRANZA TROOPS SAVE 500 MORMONS PURSUED BY VILLA

Six Mexican Prisoners, Released at Columbus and Told to Leave Town, Found Riddled With Bullets.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 11.—Despatches received here this afternoon indicate that Carranza troops have reached Guzman, Mexico, fifty miles southwest of here, and will form a strong guard for a train bearing 500 Mormon Americans who are fleeing from their ranches at Casas Grandes and that vicinity. The men of the fugitive band are armed, and with the aid of the Carranza soldiers they should be able to defend themselves against an attack by the Villa bandits, who are said to have planned to hold up the train.

Later reports place the main band of Villista brigands considerably to the westward of the railroad running from Casas Grandes to Juarez. The Mormons did not get ready to abandon their rich ranches until news reached them yesterday of the attack upon Columbus. They are bringing their money and valuable personal belongings to the United States and for that reason, according to reports here, Villa is particularly anxious to intercept them.

Wholesale arrests of Mexicans suspected of being spies were made here today as United States officers completed preparations for the pursuit of Francisco Villa and his bandits. The American soldiers, officers and men, displayed an eagerness for the receipt of the order that would start them into Mexico.

Six Mexican prisoners released by the Thirteenth United States Cavalry were found riddled with bullets a mile east of Columbus this afternoon.

They had been released and told to leave the city. Some of the Mexicans were alleged to have aided the Villistas during Thursday night's raid. An investigation is being conducted by both military and civil authorities.

Despite the nervousness among civilians, quiet prevailed in this district during the night and in practically every case circulated reports of the appearance of hostile Mexicans were shown to be unfounded. Early in the night a Mexican refused to obey the command of an American sentry to halt and was killed.

Among the Mexicans arrested for spying was Pablo Gonzales. When taken he wore overalls over a military uniform.

J. P. MORGAN SAILS FOR HOME
Banker, Who Ends Stay in London, Coming on Liber Philadelphia.

LONDON, March 11.—J. P. Morgan, who has been in London for several weeks, sailed today from Liverpool for New York on the steamship Philadelphia.

WITH AIRSHIPS AS SCOUTS 'FLYING SQUADRON' WILL RUN DOWN BANDITS IN MEXICO

Gen. Funston to Remain at Border to Direct Campaign—Villa Stirs All Mexico to Fight Invasion—"Kill Gringos," His Cry.

GEN. CARRANZA AGREES TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Assurances of the fullest co-operation of the Mexican de facto government with the military authorities of the United States have been received from Gen. Carranza, First Chief of the Mexican Republic, through his Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Precedents for the action of this government in going into Mexican territory were established by Mexico when, in the '80's, troops of that country crossed our border in pursuit, at different times, of the Indian bandits, Geronimo and Victoria.

The aeroplane detachments of the army now stationed near the border will act as scouts for the invading American forces. It is anticipated that with the aid of airships Villa can be located without delay and quickly surrounded.

Secretary Baker to-day referred to the American expedition as a "defensive" one. This was regarded as a significant indication of the Administration's policy to make it clear that it is proceeding with scrupulous regard for the sovereignty of Mexico and entirely in aid of the constituted authorities.

GEN. PERSHING TO LEAD INVADERS.

Major-Gen. Frederick Funston will not personally lead the troops who are going after Villa. He will remain at headquarters on the border, probably at El Paso, at present, in general charge of the operations which will extend over a front of more than 100 miles. Brig-Gen. John F. Pershing will be in command of the advance guard of the United States forces. Gen. Pershing is in command of the Eighth Cavalry Brigade.

The decision of the War Department to keep Gen. Funston at Fort Sam Houston, was influenced, it was said, by the necessity of having some one in charge of the southern direction thoroughly conversant with the border situation.

When the aero squadron will begin its flight was kept secret, but Capt. Foulis, the ten officers under him and the ninety men of the squadron, are busy preparing to quit Fort Sam Houston.

No American troops had crossed the border this morning so far as the War Department was advised. Many despatches were received from Gen. Funston, however, informing the department as to the disposition he was making of his forces at strategic points.

Secretary Baker said that whatever reinforcements Gen. Funston might require to maintain an adequate patrol along the border in addition to the expeditionary force would be promptly furnished. He added that the War Department had been deluged with telegrams from individuals and organizations offering services as volunteers.

A total of fifty-seven dead Mexicans have been found in and about Columbus, Gen. Funston reported. A report that eighteen more bodies are lying in the brush between the town and the border is being investigated. Gen. Funston said the effectiveness of the fire of the American troops during the engagement was splendid.

Secretary Baker has suggested to Gen. Funston that the army aero squadron now at San Antonio be employed fully in connection with the pursuit of the Villa bandits. He was eager, Mr. Baker said, not only that the troops should have the benefit of air scouts, but also that the aviators themselves should get the benefit of the experience in actual war service.

Villa was today reported moving southeast with not more than 300 men. Last night's report gave his force as 3,000, but that is believed to include sympathizers in his territory. By his movement southeast it was thought a threatened attack on the American Mormon colony at Casas Grandes had passed for the present.

SENATE COMMITTEE ENDORSES ACTION.
The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today unanimously endorsed the action of the President in sending American troops into Mexico to capture Villa and his raiders.

It was decided informally after full discussion of the circumstances.

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